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SUBJECT: ARMANDO NICOLAI ( ZC-72-0002, C1-73-0088, DA2- H1)

EMBASSIES PASS TO BNDD, BNDD FOR ENC MR DURKIN ATTN MR STRICKLER DA-2, STATE FOR MR HURWITCH

1. ON APRIL 5, THE BUENOS AIRES REGIONAL OFFICE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT ARMANDO NICOLAI WAS RESIDING AT 92 RENCH AVENUE, APT 2 A, AVELLANEDA, BUENOS AIRES, TELEPHONE NUMBER 22-6021. THIS IS THE RESIDENCE OF NICOLAI'S COUSIN ALFREDO MUNOZ. SURVEILLANCE WAS IMMEDIATELY POSTED AND ON APRIL 6 AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS, NICOLAI WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT RESISTANCE BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES.

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- $2.\,$  NICOLAI WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WHERE PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
- 3. DEPORTATION WAS CONSIDERED, HOWEVER, AT 1930 ON APRIL 6, THE BUENOS AIRES REGIONAL OFFICE WAS ADVISED BY COMISARIO GENERAL ROJAS THAT TIOFILIO LA FUENTE HAD FILED A WRIT OF HABEUS CORPUS, THUS PLACING NICOLAI'S CASE IN THE HANDS OF THE JUDICIARY.
- 4. NICOLAI WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER PENDING HIS HEARING REGARDING EXTRADITION. NICOLAI IS A NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN AND EFFORTS ARE NOW BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTRADITION REQUEST BEING HONORED.
- 5. THE RESULTS OF ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE INTERROGATION OF NICOLAI WILL BE PROMPTLY REPORTED, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PERSONAL PAPERS.
- 6. THE INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDED THE BUENOS AIRES REGIONAL OFFICE WITH NICOLAI'S LOCATION HAS, UP TO NOW, REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S DESIRE FOR REWARD HOWEVER IS BELIEVED TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERCOME THIS RELUCTANCE. A COMPLETE DEBRIEFING WILL BE SUBMITTED UPON RECEIPT BY THIS OFFICE.
- 7 HEADQUARTES IS REQUESTED TO INITIATE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AND FORWARD ALL PERTINENT PAPERS, ETC. ALSO, IF PROVISIONAL ARREST REQUEST DESIRED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NICOLAI WAS INDICTED ON FEB 22 AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, 73- C R195, VIOLATION OF 21 USC 173/174. FROM FRANK L MACOLINI ACTING RD BARO. DECON AFTER 6/9/73. LODGE

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